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OF A
LETTER
FROM
YORKE.

Dated on FRIDAY night, *August*

5, 1642,



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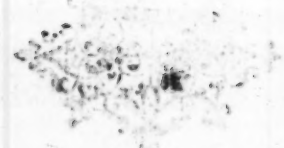
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An Extract of a Letter from Yorke, dated on Friday night, being the 5 of August, 1642.

NOtwithstanding his Maiesties warrant commanding a strict appearance of Horse and Foot of all the Trained Bands of this County, w^{ch} are neere upon 12000, yet not one in sixty appeared, and those that did, were such as are professed enemies to the Parliament, and to make their number the more, their Brethren in Confederacie against the Parliament, the Papists, appeared with good store of Horse, but their Riders, as was desired, were of the Protestant Profession, an expression that much enlightens our eyes, as it hath Relation to Papists, which next to the feare of having our Armes taken from us, caused so slender an appearance: looke to your selves in the South, for they will suddenly appear there also in Armes, with Riders of the Protestant profession. To digresse no further, let me returne to our Thursday meeting, and be pleased to peruse this inclosed speech of his

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Maiesties, a part of that dayes worke, wherein his Maiesty declares that hee takes it as a reproach cast upon him, that any should say hee hath layd siege against Hull, and yet such is the impudency of some of the Members of Lords and Commons in Parliament, as after that Speech made in their presence, to fram & conclude a Petition to the Parliament, wherein they expresse the King layd siege to Hull, and hath now raised the same, thope his Maiesty for this offence will makethem examples, I mean the *L. Faulckonbridge*, *M. Bellasis*, *Sir William Savile*, and diuerse others, I may adde this further, concerning that Petition, if they have not altered it since it was ingrossed, it is the most daring Challenge, the most insolent language that ever was used to Parliament, indeed a thing insufferable, and was subscribed by the aforementioned persons, and also by the *Lord Savile*, the *L. Darcy*, *S. George Wentworth*, *Sir Tho. Denby*, *Sir Wil. Penniman*, *M. Mallorie*, *M. Alabrough*, *M. Iohn Bellasis*, Members of Parliament, and also by *Sir Iohn Mallorie*, who was drawn to it against his will, and by *Sir Marmaduke Langdale*, formerly well affected, who hath the

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Straffordian slavery still in his memory; having never indeed beene in his right wits since his Lordship frighted him. It is signed as I heare by none but by Sir *Iohn Gothericke*, Sir *Francis Wortley*, and that Crue, that under preence of a Guard, have endeavoured to raise an Army (as you now see) in this County, if they could: Let not the Parliament thinke that this handfull of ill-affected and malecontented persons, have such power in this County, as to be seconded by the Commons in this *Bold-face Petition*; As soone as the Cavaliers are gon (till then wee will be silent) they shall know our minds are contrary to theirs; they feare it; And therefore they are raising 800. Horse, (*Master Bensons* their Clarke can tell you; he hath the list) to be a Guard to this County, but is indeed to disarm the Round-heads, and Separatists, as they call them, and under that name to leave naked all religious and wel-affected persons; and arme none but Papists and Malignant Spirits; and this is the designe through the Kingdom: and looke to the armes of your Trained-bands betimes, or it will be too late. The designe of the *German* Horse will be executed:

ted by these men, they often vow they will all dye but the *Act* that this Parliament shall not be dissolved without consent of both Houses shall be made voyd, and then they say there shall be a tryenniall Parliament, and dissolved as soone as it is called, if they continue to oppose the King. They are much perplexed here, that Sir *John Hotham* caused a Drummer of the Cavaliers to be hardly used as they say; whereas it is a mis-report, the affront he gave in the garrison was great, his punishment but a sport. There are divers of the *Trained-bands* at *Beverley*, guarding the Magazine which is to follow the Cavaliers (but I had like to have erred, and said the Siedge is raised) the *Trenches* are cast down, the Ordnance at *Paul* and *Hassel*, that endeavoured to stop all passages by water to *Hull*, are removed; the Proclamation on paine of death, that no provision should goe to *Hull*, is not in force, or not observed, for they keepe open Market, there is no burning of wind-mills nor other hostile acts, here is a Proclamation in Print, of which also I send you a Copy, that the Commissioners of *Array* should attach the Lord *Brooke*, as a Traytor, but it is since called

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in againe: ten Earles, five Lords, one Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Master Controller, Sir *Iacob Ashley*, and eight Cavaliers, are all of the Councell of War, they follow it close; especially since newes came that *Portsmouth* is in a posture of opposition to the Parliament, they sweare as soon as they come to *Portsmouth*, they will have *Goring* out by head and shoulders; for that he that betrayed the King before, and the trust of the Parliament now, will be true to neither King nor Parliament, but turne like a Weather-cocke. The Earle of *Essex* is slow in appearance, Counties will be over-awed with Horse, before supplies come, the Cavaliers Horse are on their march, There is newes newly come of the roaring of Cannon at *New-castle*, the Fort at *Tinmouth* shooting at the Kings Ships, which have seized of some armes comming out of *Holland*, the Prebends and some of the Gentry of the Bishoprick of *Durham* are here, and are so ready to advance monies, to raise force against the Parliament, that they part with the Billet-money due to the County.

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last of October is now appearance, Comins
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Cannon at New-ry, the Port at Limerick
looking at the King's ship, which have fixed
of some arms coming out of Holland, the
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quick of Parliament here and are for a
Parliament to raise to counter the Parli-
ment, that they have with the British money
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